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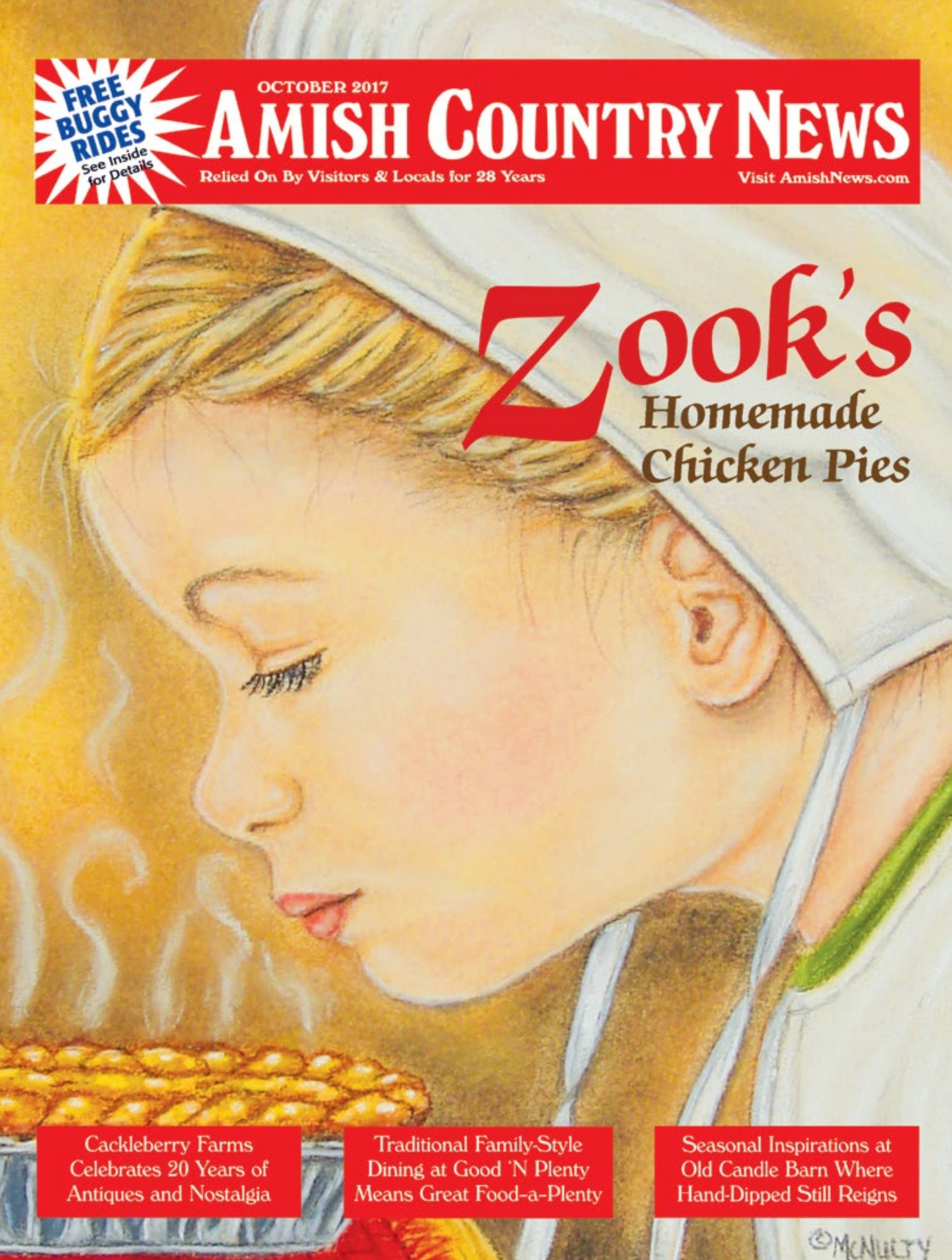

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The Zook's Chicken Pie Story

From the Folks Who Started It All

By Leroy King, Proprietor of Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies

"What can you tell me about the new Farmers Market that your Dad is working on? My brothers and I may be interested in going in as well."

These words, spoken by my future wife, put things in motion that started a business that today not only puts food on the table for our family of six, but also puts food on many other tables as well! Let me explain…

It was the year 1996, and my Dad was working on opening a stand at a new Farmers Market in Newtown, PA. One day as I was talking to my then girlfriend, she mentioned that she and two of her brothers would be interested in opening a stand as well, selling poultry products. So that is what they did.

And that is how it happened that her brother's wife, as a resourceful way of using the leftover chicken, began making delicious chicken pies and selling these at the market as well. As time went on and demands increased, she asked her mother-in-law, Rachel Zook, if she would make these pies for them.

By 2001, as more and more requests came in, Rachel opened a USDA inspected kitchen and began to sell to other businesses as well. Rachel's husband, Amos, passed away in 2005, and by the end of 2006 she decided to retire.

So January of 2007 found my wife, Rose Anna, and I the owners of what is now known as Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies, with all the blessings and challenges of running a business. Today we not only make our signature chicken pies, but also beef, sausage, and our latest new vegetable pies, along with apple dumplings for dessert. The blueprint for each of our pies today remains the same as the original recipe… fresh vegetables, chunks of meat, and creamy gravy spiced just right, in a flaky pie crust.

Our pies are sold at many PA Dutch Farmers Market, and you can visit our retail store attached to our bakery here in Lancaster County. Keep in mind that meat pies are perishable foods, so bring an ice chest for our frozen pies if you are traveling, although we also sell insulated bags and ice packs.

GETTING THERE:
Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies is located just southwest of the village of Intercourse. Take Old Leacock Road south off Route 340, and turn right on Harvest Drive. You'll immediately see the sign and store entrance. For GPS, use 3194 Harvest Drive, Ronks, PA. Zook's is not open on Sundays. Call 717.768.0239 for hours or other locations pies are available.

How a Zook Becomes a Cook

1

A great pie needs a great crust, which begins, of course, with flour.

2

It's time to start mixing the pie crust ingredients.

3

A block of shortening is cut to marry with the flour.

4

The pie crust dough is perfectly blended together in the mixer.

5

Pots and boiling water are needed to combine the chicken stock and the vegetables for the tasty pie "filling."

6

Everything is combined to prepare the signature Zook's pie for baking.

7

A day at work means a lot of pies for hungry Zook pie enthusiasts, many of which will be shipped to Farmers Markets and specialty stores.

8

But you can pick up your pies at the Zook's bakery store, right where the pies are made, along with other local canned foods, noodles, apple dumplings, etc.

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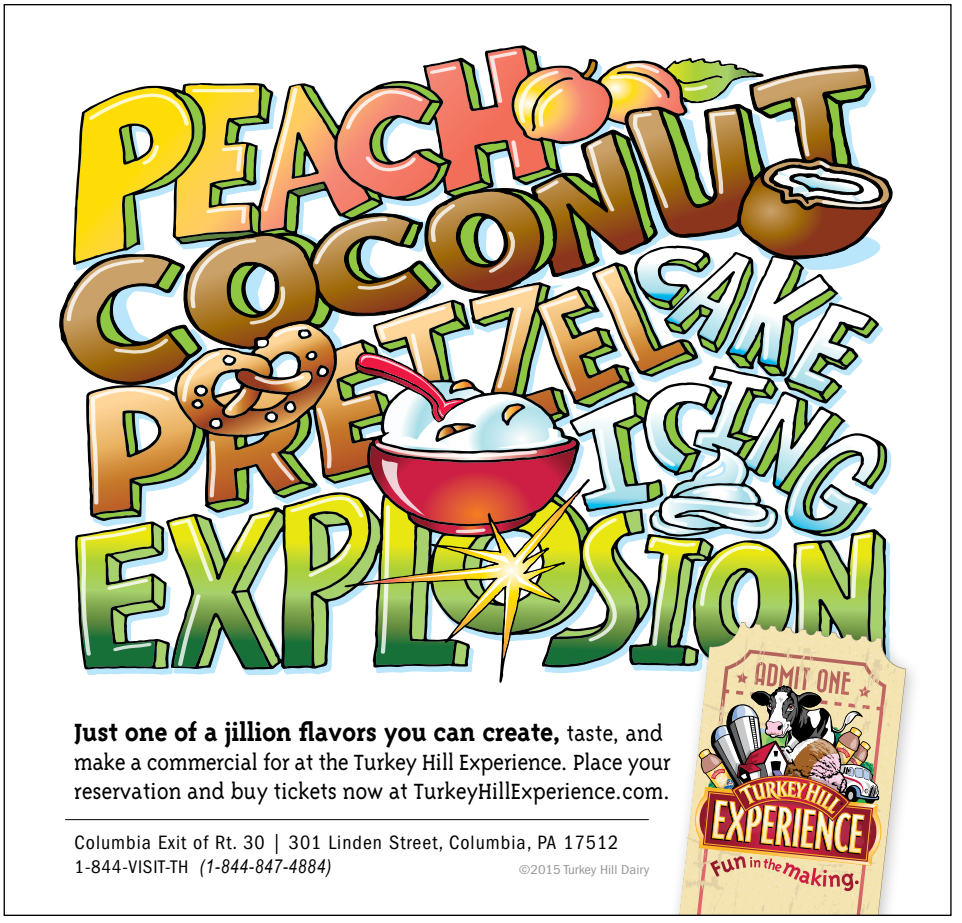
At last you have "baked off" your pie, ready to dig into the flaky crust and yummy meat and vegetables awaiting your taste buds. Bon Amish Appetit!



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Good 'N Plenty is Amish Country's Traditional Family-Style Dining

By Clinton Martin

The 1950's in America saw a big shift in mainstream society, with a car in every driveway, new and different styles of dress, the very beginnings of rock 'n roll music… All of a sudden the Amish way of life became rather remarkable for the changes it didn't undertake. People began visiting the area to tour the Amish countryside and satisfy their curiosity of why the Plain People were holding so firmly to their traditions.

From the very earliest days of Amish Country tourism, family-style dining was a fixture. Today, after nearly 50 years, Good 'N Plenty restaurant continues to offer this authentic delicious, cultural dining adventure. While family-style dining restaurants have sprung up across the country, including chain-style mall tenants, the world of all-you-care-to-eat family-style in Amish Country remains unique, and is a must-do part of any visit to Amish Country.

So what exactly is family-style dining at Good 'N Plenty? Good 'N Plenty offers a wide variety of PA Dutch foods brought by local waitstaff to the large table in bowls and platters to be passed around from guest to guest. (Imagine a family picnic or gathering where "Could you please pass the…?" is commonly heard.) If one

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Good 'N Plenty

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of the bowls or platters is emptied, the wait-staff simply brings more, until everyone at the table has had their fill. This style of dining provides the opportunity to meet and eat with people from all over the United States and the world.

Good 'N Plenty is a fine name for such a restaurant, where there's good food, and plenty of it! The menu for the family-style experience is a true representation of the Amish dinner table…

Appetizers

Two famous Lancaster County favorites, chow chow and pepper cabbage, accompany white and wheat bread (baked fresh each day at Good 'N Plenty's own bakery). Top with fresh whipped butter and apple butter, and enjoy applesauce with cottage cheese to start an authentic dining experience.

Meats

Good 'N Plenty always graces the table with what many people say is Lancaster County's best crispy fried chicken, but two other meats always accompany the delicious chicken, varying depending on the choices of the PA Dutch cook-staff.

Side Dishes

Fresh mashed potatoes, browned butter noodles, and family recipe sweet corn are served each day, with a fourth vegetable rotating seasonally depending on what's available from local growers.

Desserts

These scrumptious meal finishers are also prepared on-site, and include velvety smooth ice cream, fruit pies, family recipe shoo fly pies, homemade pudding, and cheesecakes.

Beverages

Fresh brewed coffee, hot tea, lemonade, fresh brewed iced tea, white milk and chocolate milk are included with the family-style menu, although other soft drinks can be purchased for an additional cost.

Good 'N Plenty is open daily and, in addition to the all-you-care-to-eat meal, offers menu dining, to-go options, and bakery sales along with a large gift shop, petting zoo, and a beautiful farmland setting. The restaurant is located on Route 896, north of Route 30 and south of Route 340. For GPS directions, use 150 Eastbrook Road, Smoketown PA. Call 717.394.7111, or tempt your taste buds at www.goodnplenty.com.

Countryside Road Stand: Taste the Best of Amish Country

By Clinton Martin

Annie & Eli's Countryside Road Stand has been a favorite out-in-the-country stop for visitors to Amish Country for a number of years, with the business growing from a literal road-side table with produce and other goodies, to a full-fledged store, which today has a meadow dotted with animals. This still is a farm surrounded by other Amish farms, with a child's play area, and some of the area's most delicious hand-rolled soft pretzels. The pretzels alone have earned their own piece of fame in Amish culinary snacks, and people often include a stop at the stand just to purchase them.

I, however, always include Annie & Eli's in my countryside adventures for the homemade Amish root beer. This soft drink (everyone in the family can try it) is nothing like the commercially produced stuff at the store. Amish root beer is more yeasty, more softly carbonated, pitch black

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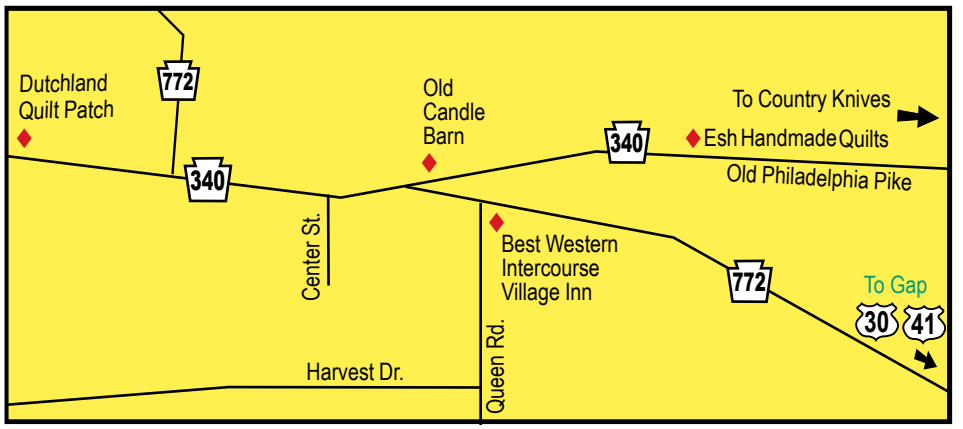

Very few towns in Amish Country are more famous than Intercourse. Even Harrison Ford was in town filming the movie "Witness" 32 years ago. Since the early 1700's, the town was a stop on the Old Philadelphia Pike, connecting Lancaster with Philadelphia, with a tavern called "Cross Keys."

In 1814, a real estate scheme based on changing the name to Intercourse failed. But the name stuck, signifying the intersection of roads and mingling of people in this quiet country village. By 1880, the town had a population of 280 and, as it still does today, a post office where visitors can still get a postcard dated and stamped "Intercourse, PA."

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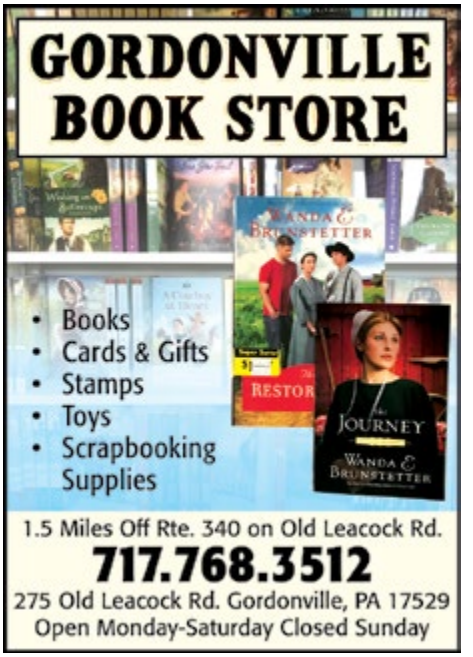

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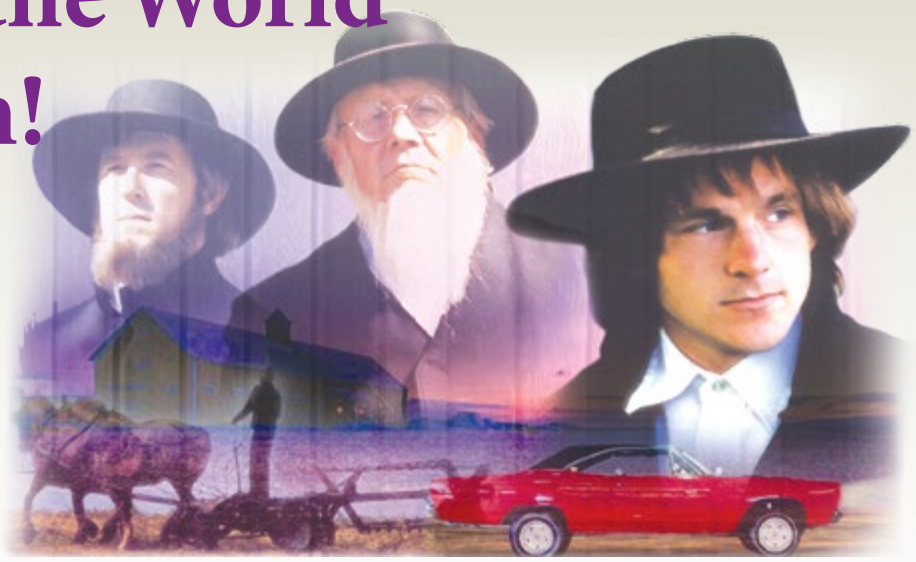

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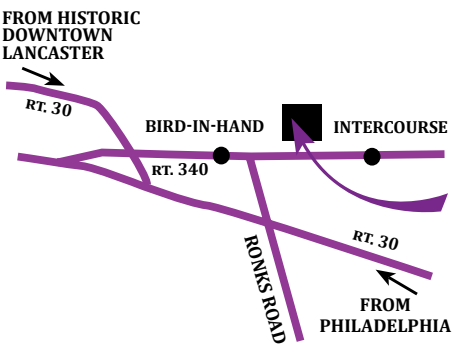

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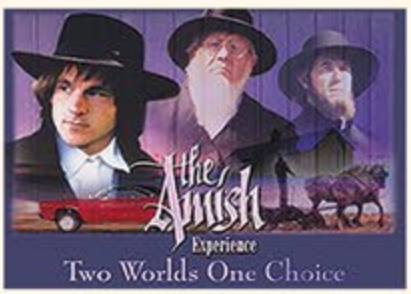

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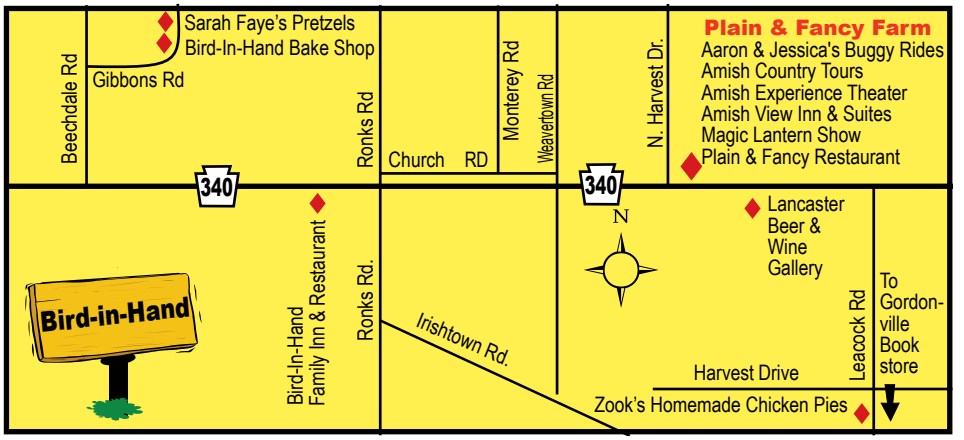

Of the many unique names on the Amish Country map, Bird-in-Hand is justifiably famous. William Penn, an English Quaker, had founded the colony of Penn's Woods, and settlers began arriving in Philadelphia from Europe in the early 1700's, moving westward to Lancaster. Legend goes that by 1734, as the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out, two surveyors at McNabb's Hotel discussed whether to stay there overnight or return to Lancaster. One noted, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." Soon the hotel and the village picked up the name, and travelers have been welcomed there ever since.

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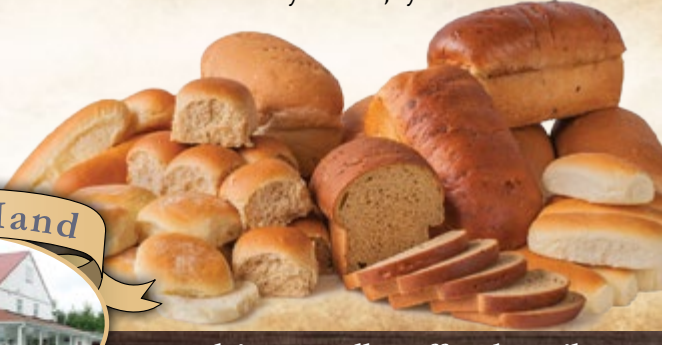

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Sunday Funday at Renninger's Antique Market

By Clinton Martin

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Every Sunday, dealers arrive at Renninger's in the wee hours of the morning. As they unpack by flashlight, there's a wonderful unveiling as the newly sourced merchandise for the week is displayed. The action is fast, at times frenzied, as buyers and sellers do most of the biggest and best deals by 9:00am!

More casual observers still have plenty of merchandise to discover through the rest of the day, but by 4:00pm everything is wrapped up. Every Sunday there are up to 500 vendors on site, 200 outdoors, with a further 300 inside. Admission is free, and there are 10 acres of free parking.

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Flory's Campground... Where the Amish Are Your Neighbors

By Clinton Martin

When you come over to visit Amish Country, why not stay over? Sure, Lancaster County offers all the usual flagship hotel chains, but there are unique one-of-a-kind lodging options in the area that add an unforgettable zest to any Amish Country visit.

One of my long-time favorites is Flory's Cottages & Camping, offering three different ways to stay amidst the Amish farmlands, where the Amish truly are your neighbors. Flory's has a guest house, a number of cottages, and plenty of campsites accommodating just about any kind of tent, camper, or RV, with full hookups and slideouts no trouble. The campground has all the amenities for a great stay, though campfires are not allowed out of courtesy for the neighboring Amish farms.

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Gettysburg...A Divided Country's Turning Point

by Brad Igou

We could probably make a strong argument that when people think of Pennsylvania, they primarily think of four destinations, all just a short drive from Amish Country. The other three are, of course, Philadelphia, Hershey, and Gettysburg.

Readers will immediately identify nearby Gettysburg with the Civil War. Here are a few quick facts. Between July 1-3, 1863, Maj. Gen. George Meade's Union Army defeated attacks by Gen. Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army, ending Lee's attempt to invade the North. Often described as the turning point in the war, this was the bloodiest battle, with the largest number of casualties. Not long after the battle, President Lincoln came to the cemetery to give what is arguably the most famous American speech, the Gettysburg Address.

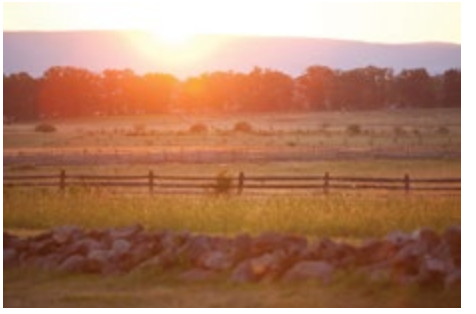
Today, visitors are fortunate to have so many excellent resources available to really gain an in-depth understanding of those fateful days, and see where those events actually took place, as they walk this "Hallowed Ground."

The place to begin is the Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center. Gone are the days of the "Electric Map" and the somewhat musty displays. Now this spectacular center houses a state-of-the-art museum with fascinating artifacts, interactive displays, and information not only about the big events, but also the many individual stories of those involved in the struggle.

Then a film narrated by Morgan Freeman sets the stage for viewing the truly amazing Cyclorama, a 360-degree painting of Picket's Charge that was completed a few years after the battle itself. Recently restored and preserved, this 4-story high, longer-than-a-football-field mural places you in the center of the battle.

Armed with this historical background, you are now ready for a tour of the battlefield itself, and there are various options, from having a licensed guide, to driving around on your own, to taking a bus tour. There is a very reasonably priced option that includes the museum, cyclorama, and bus tour in a combination ticket.

But just as Lancaster is much more than just Amish Country, Gettysburg offers a variety of attractions beyond the battlefield. The town square is delightful, with many other historic buildings, lodging, shops, theater, and restaurants, all good spots to unwind after a day of sightseeing. You might even want to do a Ghost Tour in the evening.



Many visitors are not familiar with the nearby Eisenhower National Historic Site, the home and farm of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. This was his weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders, a much needed respite from Washington, and a backdrop for efforts to reduce Cold War tensions.

You'll want to plan some time for other pursuits, whether that be outlet shopping, visiting wineries, or various outdoor activities. And you may want to check out some of the events you might not associate with Gettysburg --- a beer festival, bike week, apple harvest festival, and even Gettysburg Rocks.

So be sure to plan a visit to Gettysburg and make this small Pennsylvania town that changed the course of history a part of your vacation battle plan.

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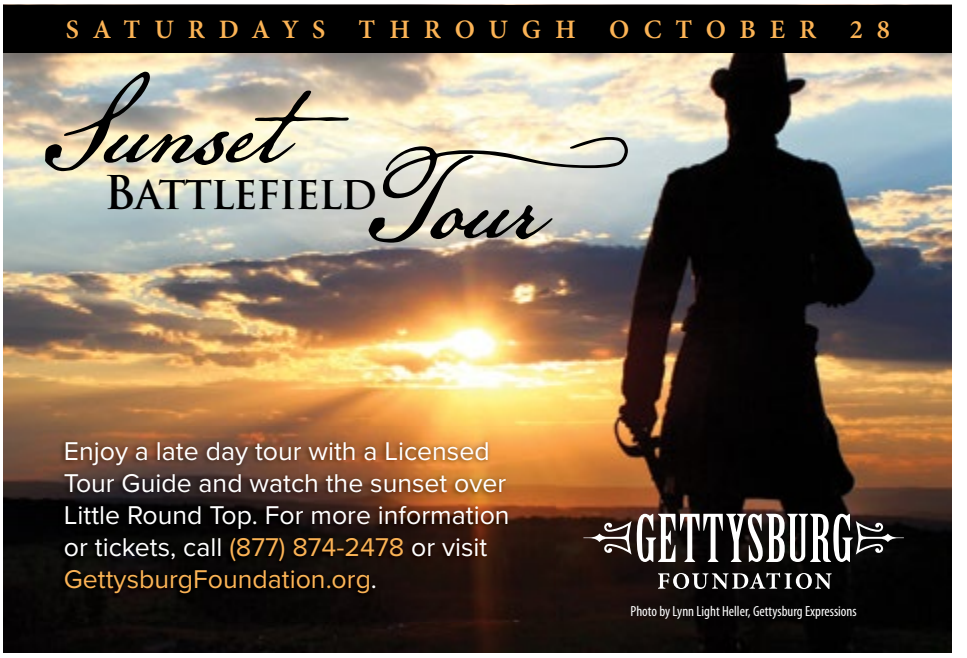
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The Amish in Their Own Words

Vol. 2 - Part Six

by Brad Igou

Several years ago, I started working on a second volume of THE AMISH IN THEIR OWN WORDS, my book compiled from Amish writings in "Family Life" magazine. Since then, for many reasons, my project of producing "Volume 2" remains in limbo. Nevertheless, because I had begun to read and compile countless articles, I have decided to share some of them with you as my Amish Series for this year. Following is a selection of Amish poems…

"A Word from Mother-In-Law"

The wedding was over and the moving was done,
The family and kin had left one by one.
Now she too got her wraps and prepared to go,
Though her heart was heavy and her steps were slow.
She gave them her hand in a fond adieu,
And wished them all well, the happy two.

She turned and headed toward the door,
Then paused and faced the groom once more.
"Well, I hope you appreciate your wife,
Your friend, companion, and helper for life."
The words were few, but what did they say
As they came from her heart on that special day?

To her mind's eye had come, quick as light,
The face of a little girl, eyes dancing bright;
The childish prattle that had cheered her day,
Of dolls and kittens and dogs in her play.
The youngest she was in a family of eight,
Thus to the mother-heart, the ties were great.

She relived the years as they bore her on
Through school, adolescence, and trials one by one.
The prayers she had uttered for her daughter's soul
As she struggled to submit and reach her goal.
Then her baptism day when she finally
Was joined to the fold on bended knee.

She thought of the house they had furnished today,
With all the young couple would need for their stay.
Of the wedding they had planned and worked for so long,
And the food they had used to feed the great throng.
The youngest of the nest was now married, and flown,
Leaving her, a widow, yet still more alone.

She saw all this, yet what did she say?
"Twenty-four years I've worked for this day;
To raise her, to guide her, to keep her in health,
By the labor of my hand I give you this wealth.
Yet all I ask is that you appreciate
A plea far-reaching and of eternal weight."

So now, dear husband, may this give you a view,
Of all your mother-in-law has done for you.

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Photo courtesy of Amish Experience's Production of Jacob's Choice.

"Who Will Take Grandma?"

Who will take Grandma? Who will it be?
All of us want her, I'm sure you'll agree.
Let's call a meeting; let's gather the clan;
Let's get it settled as soon as we can.
In such a big family, there's certainly one
Willing to give her a place in the sun.

Remember the days when she was so spry,
Baked her own cookies and made her own pie?
She helped with our lessons and mended our seams;
Kissed away troubles and minded our dreams.
Wonderful Grandma, we all love her so.
Isn't it dreadful she's no place to go?

Strange how we thought she'd never wear out,
But see how she walks; it's arthritis, no doubt.
Her eyesight has failed her; her memory is dim;
She's apt to insist on the silliest whim.
When people get older they become such a care.
Yes, she must have a home, but the question is where?

One little corner is all she would need;
A shoulder to cry on, her Bible to read.
A chair by the window, the sun coming through;
Some pretty spring flowers all covered with dew.
Who'll warm her with love so she won't mind the cold?
Oh, who will take Grandma, now that she's old?

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"What Little Girls Do at Granny's"

We track across your shiny floor,
Of mud we're not aware.
We think you are as glad as us
To know that we are there!

We help to make your kitchen bright,
We scatter it with toys;
We shatter all the loneliness
And fill it up with noise.

We climb upon your windowsills,
Draw pictures on the pane;
We'll leave our trademark, fingerprints!
That sills and windows stain.

We burden you with questions,
"Why are you doing that?"
"What are you doing, Granny, now?"
Or, "Don't you have a cat?"

We're sure to tell you everything
That happens on our farm;
We'll tell of every baby calf
Or scratch upon our arm!

So when our mama comes for us
It makes us very sad,
And we would never dream at all
That Granny sure is glad!

* * *

"Sweeping the Floor"

I go to the closet
And open the door
To take out the broom
And clean up the floor.
Things scattered in corners
And throughout the room
Will soon be in place
With my wonderful broom.

But my progress is hindered
By one great big crash
And out to the playroom
I hurriedly dash.
There baby has dumped
All the toy plastic dishes
I throw them back in
With well-practiced swishes.

Then the children come in,
They had sand in their shoes
From playing out there
Where the gravel was loose.
"Oh, oh!" they exclaimed as
sand started to pour ---
"No problem," I said, "I am
sweeping the floor."

Then I hear Daddy's voice
With an urgency in it,
"Could you quickly come out
and help me a minute?
A door was left open
And some calves have come out,
Or were you busy?"
He asked looking about.

"Not at all," I assured him
as we walked out the door,
"I'm not doing much,
just sweeping the floor."

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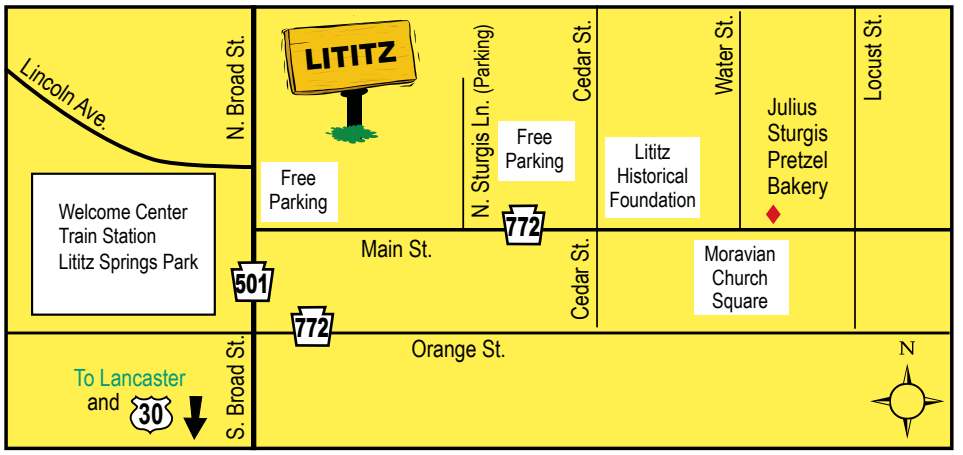
Marketing the Amish

Historic Lititz…Small Town Treasure



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The Lititz Story is tied to the Moravian faith in Bohemia. Seeking religious freedom, Moravians arrived in the early 1700's. In 1755, the town took the name Lititz, from the German "Lidice," where European reformers found refuge in the 15th century. The Moravian Church, built in 1787, is located beside Linden Hall, the oldest operating residence school for girls in the USA. Across the street is the first commercial pretzel bakery (1861) in the New World, Julius Sturgis. Known for its 4th of July Celebration, this quaint town, with historic buildings and quaint shops along Main Street, is a visitor favorite.

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Turkey Hill Opens Tea Discovery

By Clinton Martin

The Turkey Hill Experience is the visitor center in Columbia for Lancaster County's renowned Turkey Hill Dairy, offering a 17,000 square foot restored factory building where guests learn about the historic Amish Country brand, all while discovering and interacting with the ice cream process hands-on.

However, Turkey Hill Dairy "only" produces approximately 7 million gallons of milk annually, whereas Turkey Hill makes over 55 million gallons of Iced Tea and other beverages, placing it perennially in the top few refrigerated iced tea brands nationwide.

While the company's roots are in the dairy business, its Turkey Hill Experience entertains visitors with all that it encompasses today, including its popular teas. The Tea Discovery is the Experience's new way of welcoming visitors to learn about Turkey Hill Iced Tea.

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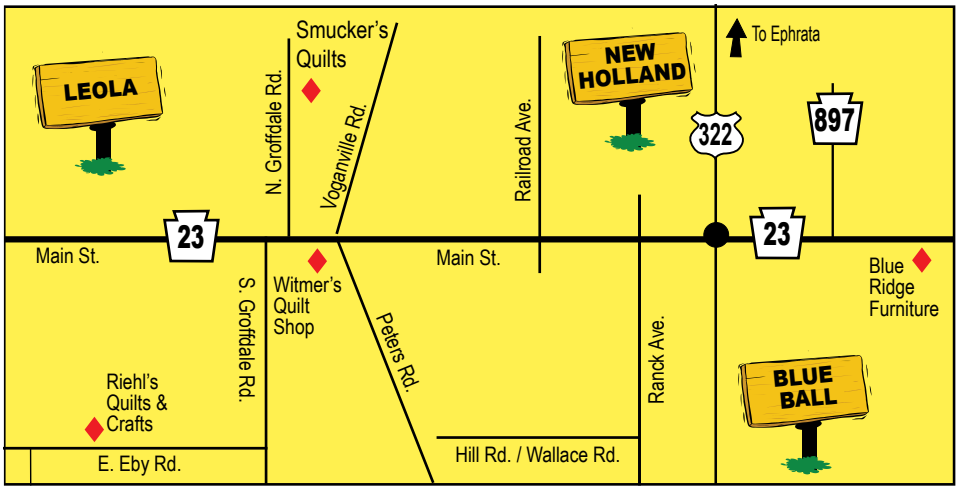

The instability in Europe in the late 1600's spawned the pioneer interest in the forest lands of Pennsylvania. Besides religious freedom and a peaceful existence, William Penn offered cheap land. As settlers arrived, villages grew up throughout the area. In 1802, when a post office was established, an official name was needed for this town between Leola and the tavern at Blue Ball. Residents remembered the kindness of the Dutch and their assistance providing funds to cover the cost of the ocean voyage to the New World for the original refugee German immigrants. And thus the name, New Holland.

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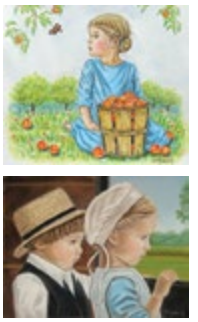
Cheryl's love for the Amish culture began in 1973 with a family trip to Lancaster, PA. The peacefulness and the beauty of the landscape and the Amish lifestyle left vivid memories that made her return again and again. Since 1985, Cheryl and her family have visited Lancaster almost every year, and also became good friends with a local Amish family. These many visits and personal experiences have allowed Cheryl to further connect and understand the Amish culture and traditions, allowing her to translate her love of Lancaster through her art.

You can purchase Cheryl's prints, notecards, journals and other assorted items at Pebbles and Lace located at 11 East Main Street in Strasburg, PA. You can also visit her Etsy online store at www.etsy.com/shop/cherylmcnultyart. Visit her blog and learn more about her artwork at www.cherylmcnulty.wordpress.com and **The Art Of Cheryl McNulty** on Facebook. If you have any questions about her art or you would like to discuss a special order, you can contact her at mcprop@cox.net.



Jot This Down: "Old Candle Barn Worth the Time"

By Clinton Martin

I've always enjoyed visiting the Old Candle Barn. As a kid, I'd love to watch the ladies dipping candles by hand, which they still do today (call 717-768-8926 for hours, as production times vary).

But now as an adult, I visit for the seasonal home enhancements they display in such an inspirational way. Decorations, accessories, and other home goods are simply arranged in sublime settings that help me picture in my mind exactly how each piece might fit into my home.

Of course, the Old Candle Barn offers an amazing array of candles and scents, not only those dipped on site, but also many others from around the country. But, the merchandise mix is so much more varied than just tapers, votives, wax, and paraffin. You just never know what you'll see at the Old Candle Barn.

On my most recent visit, I was charmed by the note-taking scroll that would be a great addition to anyone's kitchen. It's a roll of brown paper, kind of like old-fashioned shopping bag material, but it's on a long scroll attached to a handsome board, with clips for securing a portion of the roll in place. Markers on strings offer any note-taker-or-leaver the tool for their muse. Need to leave a note for your spouse? Jot it down. The task is done? Rip off at the top, and pull down a new blank slate for the next day's thoughts.

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Discover Amish Country's Beauty in the Words of Author Sarah Price

By Clinton Martin

Amish-themed novels can be found in any grocery store checkout line, but just grabbing a random book can lead to a disappointing introduction to the genre. The world of Amish fiction can be a rewarding and adventurous foray into a lifestyle otherwise closed off to the outside world.

Author Sarah Price is one of the most influential authors of Amish fiction and, with numerous books, even the most voracious reader will be under a pile of paperbacks for days. Her latest novel is "Belle", an Amish retelling of the classic fairy–tale "Beauty and the Beast," in which…*A dutiful young Amish woman agrees to marry a notorious recluse for her family's sake—but the consequences are more than either bargained for . . .*

Sarah Price descends from a long line of Mennonites (the name was originally spelled Preiss), who settled in Pennsylvania in 1705. Her involvement with the Amish dates back to 1978, when she wrote her first novel, "Fields of Corn," while studying anthropology and writing at Drew University. She was drawn to the amazing culture of the Amish of Lancaster County, where she's since forged long-lasting bonds with many Amish families.

"Fields of Corn" went on to become an Amazon bestseller and her "First Impressions: A Retelling of Pride & Prejudice," Sarah's salute to Jane Austen from an Amish perspective, debuted on the ECPA (Evangelical Christian Publishers Association) bestseller list. In 2014, "An Amish Buggy Ride" became a #1 Amazon bestseller in Religious Romance.

Ms. Price has advanced degrees in Communication (MA), Marketing (MBA), and Educational Leadership (A.B.D.) and was a former college professor. She now writes full-time and talks about her books and her faith on a daily live stream. Learn more about Sarah and her novels at www.SarahPriceAuthor.com.

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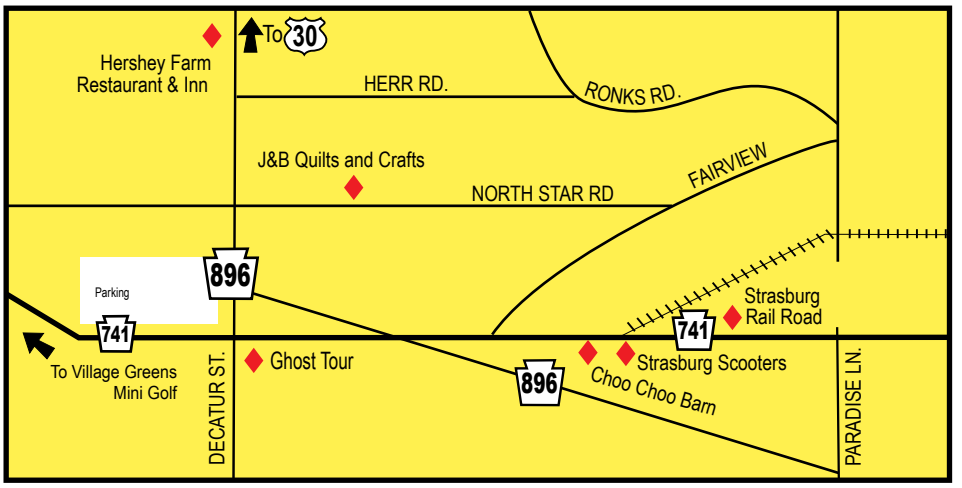

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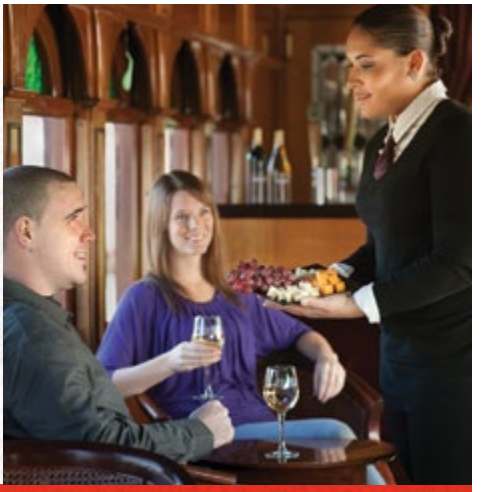

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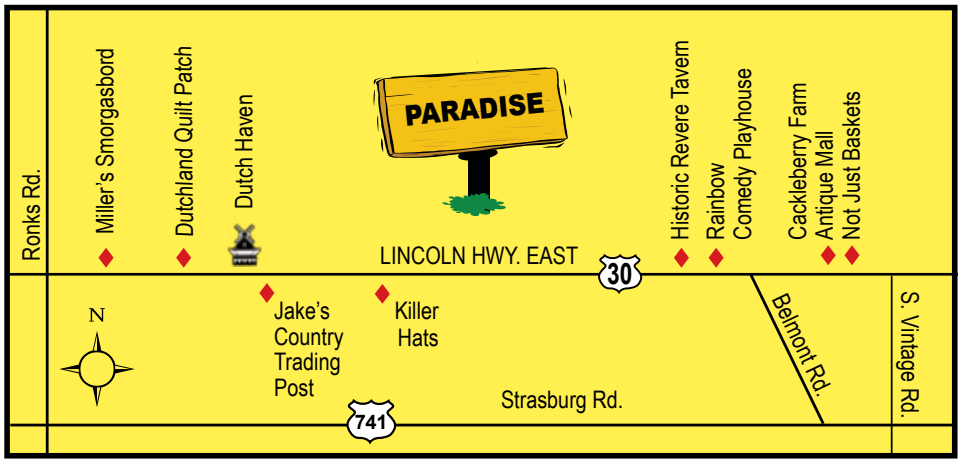

Visitors arriving in Lancaster from the east on Route 30 travel through Paradise. This route, known today as "Lincoln Highway," dates back to Lancaster's Colonial days, when the frontier county needed a better highway to connect it with the provincial capital, Philadelphia. This toll road, or "turnpike," opened in 1795 as the first long-distance, hard-surfaced road in America. Taverns and stagecoach stops grew up along the way. One of these, originally called the "Sign of the Spread Eagle, dates to 1740 and is today's Revere Tavern. Famous guests included composer Stephen Foster, who penned some of his songs right there in Paradise.

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Cackleberry Farm's Antique Extravaganzas

By Clinton Martin

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This sale also marks the culmination of a year-long anniversary celebration (and sweepstakes) for the mall, with the drawing of the Grand Prize --- 2 Free Tickets for a Hot Air Balloon Tour, provided by The United States Hot Air Balloon Team (a $400+ value). An anniversary kiosk in-store showcases many other prizes, including admissions to local attractions, museums, restaurants, and theaters.

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Unique to Cackleberry Farm, inside the mall is an Old Time General Store, which takes visitors back to the "Mom & Pop" stores of years ago. It's like a five-and-dime that provides a trip down memory lane, while offering for sale a hold-in-your-hand memento of the time. It's not just a relic of a calmer, quieter time of the past; the items on the store shelves really are for sale!

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Publisher's Message

The Sad Road From "Amish Mafia" to "Return to Amish"

By Brad Igou

We have endured so many TV "reality" shows about the Amish that it might be laughable, were it not so sad. Obviously, there must be an audience out there that enjoys seeing people in mostly pathetic situations. Maybe we just like watching train wrecks. I wish I knew.

Faithful *Amish Country News* readers will remember our editorials criticizing "Amish Mafia," which ran for four long seasons from 2012 to 2015. Back then, former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett called for the show's cancellation, as being "bigoted" and "an affront to all people of faith and all secular people with moral principles."

To my disappointment, I came across more TV shows exploiting the Amish and, regrettably, these shows continue to be produced courtesy of Hot Snakes Media and the TLC Network. During the run of "Amish Mafia," they premiered "Breaking Amish" with spinoffs like "Return to Amish," the latter continuing into 2017 with its sixth season!

I re-print the following from Wikipedia as a kind of genealogy of the shows….

"Breaking Amish"debuted September 9, 2012. The series revolves around five young Anabaptist adults (four Amish and one Mennonite) who move to New York City in order to experience a different life and decide whether to return to their communities or remain outside and face potential ostracism by their family and friends.

"Breaking Amish: Brave New World" is considered the second season by TLC. A spinoff entitled "Breaking Amish: Los Angeles," debuted on July 21, 2013, with a different cast.

"Breaking Amish" spawned yet another spinoff, entitled "Return to Amish." The two-hour premiere debuted on June 1, 2014, with the season airing seven episodes.

The second spinoff of "Breaking Amish" entitled "Breaking Amish: Brooklyn" debuted on September 18, 2014, with a new cast.

A fourth season of "Breaking Amish," returning under the title "Return to Amish," premiered on May 31, 2015.

It was reported that "Breaking Amish" had been renewed for a fifth season ("Return to Amish" for a third season), with a premiere date of July 10, 2016.

The Season Six "Return to Amish" finale date was listed as June 4, 2017. Let me just give you the titles of a few of the episodes which, were this actually a spoof or comedy show, would be quite funny….

"Mary With Children"
"I Got You Abe"
"Fun in the Shun"
"From Here to Maternity"
"Chasing Raber"
"Amish Pair-O-Dice"

Following is a summary of Episode 5…

Jeremiah focuses on the house instead of Carmela, who packs up her kids and drives to Washington. Jeremiah flies there to meet her and she says she wants marriage counseling. Meanwhile, Rebecca takes her GED exam and fails it, but surprisingly Abe is supportive. Sabrina signs over her parental rights. Jeremiah and Carmela see a counselor and get into an argument while there, which leads the counselor to question whether they should stay together.

I admit, I have not watched any of these episodes, and have no intention of doing so. Even if there might be a modicum of truth to these fictional dramas, these are troubled young people. That network executives would take advantage of these unfortunate events is disgusting. As these lives spiral out of control before TV audiences everywhere, are the producers high-fiving each other in their offices? Or is it all just "fake reality." Did you know an "Amish" boy was killed driving a car in the making of National Geographic's "Amish: Out of Order" in 2012?

I call all this to your attention for, in the past few weeks, we have witnessed the intolerance and violence of radical jihadists, white supremacists, anti-fascists (antifa) and neo-Nazis. Is it not important for us to call out such groups for the hate, racism and bigotry they represent?

Just so far this year, the Amish Experience has hosted visitors from Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, England, Fiji, France, Germany, Honduras, Indonesia, India, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Venezuela, Vietnam, and Zambia.

I take some hope that as these folks come here to Amish Country to observe the Amish lifestyle, so very different than their own, that perhaps they will leave enlightened, if not inspired. We have long gotten along with one another fairly well here.

I hope someday throughout our world community, TV shows with no redeeming social value, like "Return to Amish," will disappear from the screen. And I look forward to the day when those with resources to benefit humanity, like those who produce such shows, will put their power and influence to good. Wouldn't that be nice?

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